

**Freshmen  
Wanted—**

# SCRIBE JUNIOR COLLEGE

**Experience  
Unnecessary**

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## Freshman Meet at Tuesday Eve Party

### To Meet Sophomores at Friday Pep Rally

Don't forget the Freshman Get-Acquainted Party, Tuesday, the sixteenth, at seven o'clock. You are probably acquainted with some of your classmates already, but then you can meet them all. If the weather is good, the affair will be outside on the campus; if rainy, within doors. Since you may be hungry after your exertions in the games and the songfest, there will be refreshments (don't ask us any of the details; we can't get them out of the committee.) The committee under Professor Ashcraft follows: Evelyn Hyman, Kathleen Pettigrew, Jean Wohlsen, Shirley Tobiesen, Virginia Pedersen, Eaden Whiteman, Paul Wolfthal, Donald Morris, Joseph Coughlin, and Frank Verrilli.

Friday night you'll meet the sophomores, more or less en masse, at the pep meeting, of course, from 7:30 to 11:00. There will be college songs and yells, a social program for you to participate in, motion pictures of school activities, and so forth. And, girls, don't dress up. Wear skirts and sweaters, or something equally sturdy.

### Scribe Speaks "OF, BY, AND FOR"

Through this special Freshman's Edition of the SCRIBE we hope to interest you in the various college clubs to the extent of joining and taking active part in one or more of them. We are not wholly altruistic however, for we want you to help in our favorite activity—the SCRIBE itself. You say you've had no experience, and therefore can't do anything? Nonsense, you can acquire experience (we did). All you need is interest and enough enthusiasm to do a little work.

There are a number of types of employment around any newspaper, and the SCRIBE is no exception. We need people to gather the news of club activities and plans; to write on music, fashions, sports, theatre, books, or what have you; to type the written copy; to get advertising for us; to help in proof-reading and make-up of the dummy copy; to distribute the finished product, not only to students, but also in exchange with other colleges; and oh, we almost forgot—the Gas House, J.C.C.'s own little gossip column.

Perhaps you will not wish to contribute regularly. We need stories, poems, articles on current events or hobbies. Come and see us.

Announcement of the first meeting will be on the bulletin board. Be on the lookout for it.

## Welcome Students of J.C.C.

It is my privilege to extend to you, the incoming Freshman Class of the Junior College of Connecticut, a sincere and enthusiastic welcome, expressing not my own sentiments only, though I assure you that they are cordial, but also those of the Administrative Staff, your teachers, and those fellow students who have preceded you in these halls. We are glad that you have come.

Is it not humbling that in this war-torn era we should have ahead of us this precious year in which to work together? Young people elsewhere in the world, however much they may merit and desire a college education, have instead crushing needs and obligations. It is for us to justify our own good fortune, so far as it can be done; to make the fullest use of the opportunities which are ours. Surely nothing less than our best, in scholarly attainment and character development, can keep us from a sorry conviction that capricious fates have heaped their blessings upon the wrong heads!

A college can be an ideal community; here the right things can be emphasized, learning, friendship, character, tolerance, good government, freedom. Let us strive together to make our microcosm model, to keep our emphasis right.

Thus we welcome you, not alone with pleasant words and gestures, but with a challenge. Let us all work together to make this the greatest year in our individual lives and in the history of the College!

HELEN M. SCURR,

Dean of Women and Social Director.

### Dramatic Club Opens New Season

Are you interested in acting or its associated arts?—"props", costumes, scenery, sound effects, prompting, perhaps (we whisper it) playwriting? Or the business end—programs, tickets, advertising, and so forth? Then here is your chance, The Footlighters, J.C.C.'s dramatic group. Last year a late beginning precluded the production of more than one play, the highly successful melodrama, *Pure As The Driven Snow*. This year, however, under the leadership of president Eaden Whiteman and secretary Jean Wohlsen (the vice-president and treasurer to be chosen from among you freshmen who join) and the very capable direction of Miss Emily Morrissey, they hope for a pre-Christmas production as well as the annual April affair.

Experience, though useful, is not needed. The only requirements for membership are interest and enthusiasm. Of course, a willingness to do a little work is welcome.

### Phi Theta Kappa

Alpha Iota, our chapter of the national Junior College honorary society, Phi Theta Kappa, usually presents at least one annual dance for the student body and at the end of each year makes a gift to the college.

Election of new members takes place after the mid-term exams. Eligibility is based upon high scholastic standing and good character. The present members, Anthony Gabriel, Dorothy Hodson, Ervin Hupprich, Evelyn Hyman, Felice Julianna, Harriet Ledger, and Kathleen Pettigrew, hope that there will be a number of you to join them.

### Library Society Active Group

An organization which really does things is J.C.C.'s Library Society. Its purpose is to maintain a fellowship of persons interested in books; to secure books and periodicals for the college library; and to promote the intelligent use of the library. Serving as the school's literary society, it adds to the cultural background of its members, as well as allowing them to take an active part in building the college library. The club meets regularly every two weeks. Members or outside speakers provide book reviews and current literary news.

During the past year several prominent speakers were featured at the meetings. The tangible result of its activities was the donation of 109 volumes to the college library. You can see that membership in this club is really worthwhile.

Officers of the student chapter are Felice Julianna, president; Dorothy Hodson, secretary; and Evelyn Hyman, treasurer. The officers of the main Society are Professor Charles B. Goulding, president; Dean Helen M. Scurr, treasurer; Miss Emily Morrissey, secretary; and Professor William W. Everett, member-at-large.

### R.A.H. Clark New Music Head

All of you who play musical instruments, or sing (or both) are invited to join the symphony orchestra and A Capella Choir being organized under the very capable directorship of R. A. H. Clark. (You Hardingites will remember Mr. Clark's splendid leader-

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## "Big Sisters" Fete Freshman Girls

### Tea Opens Fem Club Activities

Every freshman girl is cordially invited to meet her big sister at the tea to be given at Sophomore House, 52 Fremont Street, on Friday, September 19, from 2:30 to 4:30. The tea is to be given under the sponsorship of the sophomore girls, with Dean Scurr acting as hostess.

Be sure to come and get acquainted with the rest of the feminine contingent of Junior College. Your personal invitation from your big sister (don't be too startled if you find her six or eight inches shorter than you!) has either already arrived or is on the way. If, however, you shouldn't receive one, don't feel you are not eligible—accidents will happen. The invitation is not essential, but has been used merely to personalize the affair. Be sure to COME.

Every sophomore girl is automatically a member of the Big Sister Club, the purpose of which is to acquaint the incoming members of the college with those already present and to advance the spirit of comradeship throughout the year. The Club hopes to have further meetings.

This year's officers are Evelyn Hyman, president; Madeline Crowley, vice-president; Anne Lobdell, secretary; and Kathleen Pettigrew, treasurer.

### I. R. C. Scene of Controversies

The place to air your pet theories on world affairs and publicize your views on current events is the International Relations Club. Activity centers around the discussion of international affairs, and the meetings usually feature lively, if not heated, arguments. The aim of the Club is advancement of peace through the promotion of interest in and study of international affairs. Through its sponsor, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, it receives a selection of books and other publications each semester. Last year the Club sent four delegates to the International Relations Conference at Rhode Island, and sponsored an informal debate at one of the most popular assemblies of the year.

The major event in the Club's activities this fall will be the annual convention of New England Clubs. These clubs are quite popular at colleges, and many have to set up admission requirements. Under the rules adopted by our organization, any student is eligible for membership, and you freshmen are especially welcome. Professor Chamberlain is the faculty adviser.



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## COLLEGE, A CHALLENGE

To the outside world, autumn is the harvest time; to the student, the time of planting. Rested and refreshed after a long summer vacation, he returns to classes receptive to new ideas and new habits of work and thought. Especially is this true of the college freshman. A new world lies before him in which he will have far more freedom, intellectually and physically, than ever before. What he does with this freedom, this new world, depends upon himself. He cannot sit back and expect his instructors to pour all these new ideas into him, and the habits to grow about him.

A college can give, or develop, a sense of criticism consisting not in the condemnation of an idea, a person, or an institution, but in the comprehension of errors and falseness, and the suggestion of replacements or corrections; a sense of the values so needed in today's world—friendliness, helpfulness, an understanding of one's self and of others, with a resulting lack of prejudice, and growth of tolerance in its largest conception; a mind independent, yet capable of cooperation. If a student is earnestly seeking to gain all these benefits, he will sow none but the seeds—steadiness, reliability, punctuality, willingness to cooperate—through which he may achieve them. Nor will he allow the new growth to be swallowed up later through neglect and disuse. True, a bad beginning does not always mean a poor ending, but it is far easier to sow those good habits and ideas in fresh earth than in that which has been polluted by weeds. Too, a good harvest is far more certain from the earlier planting.



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## Representative Government

In our college community, cooperative faculty and student government takes the form of the President's Advisory Council. To it belong the leaders of the various student organizations, or their representatives, who bring before the Administration any problems of the student body which have been brought to their attention, at the regular meetings of the group.

The success of this deliberative group depends, to a great extent, upon your willingness to aid your representatives by bringing before them any problems of which you are aware, or any suggestions as to the more perfect functioning of the college in relation to yourselves.

## Stag Club

Not to be outdone by the girls with their Big Sister Club, the Stag Club is organized to promote a closer feeling of fellowship among the men of the school, to provide opportunities for cultural, fraternal, and social experiences, and to establish friendly relationships between faculty and students. Membership is open by invitation, to the men of the student body who have completed one semester's work at the college. A lounge and club room reserved exclusively for members is at the disposal of the Club.

## MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS

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ship of high school musical events.)

Music, more capable than any other form of art or in giving pleasure to active participants and audience alike, forms an essential part of a well-rounded life in college as well as outside. Too, it plays a large role in assemblies.

Those who are intending to join the orchestra or choir should see Mr. Halsey or Miss Maloney.

## Sports News

All who wish to enter the tennis tournament must sign the blank attached to the bulletin board (by the main office, near the chemistry laboratory, or in the locker rooms) as soon as possible after classes start. There will be singles and doubles for both men and women, and also mixed doubles.

All men interested in basketball are to see Professor Ashcraft before turning in registration cards.

If a large enough number ask for volley ball, bowling, fencing, or horse-back riding, these sports will be offered.

When the grounds behind the new dormitory are cleared, there will be ample room for outdoor badminton. (Anybody caring to donate paraphernalia will be royally welcomed!)

Ah, yes—that grand indoor sport—ping pong. Here again, see Professor Ashcraft, who is in charge of all athletics.

## Camera Club

Do you like to go around shooting people?—with a camera, of course. Then see president William Fedorko or faculty adviser Professor Bigsbee. They will tell you about the Camera Club, and the dark room (which has increased in size and equipment each year to date) down in the cellar—pardon, basement.

No experience whatsoever is needed (only a little enthusiasm for things photographic and fifty (50) cents for dues).

We hope that the club members will give us an exhibit of their work this year. It should prove both entertaining and instructive.

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